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Hidenobu HAMADA : **Confirmation No. 2657**
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Respectfully submitted,

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4. For each non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449, reference is made to:

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- b. ☐ a foreign patent office search report (in the English language) submitted herewith,
 - c. ☐ the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page,
 - d. ☐ the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
 - e. ☐ the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference:
5. ☒ A Notice of Reasons for Rejection dated March 14, 2003 issued for a corresponding foreign application citing one or more of the references is enclosed.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
JTR	AA	6,075,915	6/2000	Koops et al.			
	AB						
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JTR	AL	11-218627	8/1999	JP			Partial
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JTR	AN	98/44367	10/1998	WO			Abstract
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OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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Knight et al, "All-silica single-mode optical fiber with photonic crystal cladding", Optics Letters, Vol. 21, No. 19, pp.1547-1549

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